Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Part-(b).—Is there any precedent of such a sale in the past ? If so, when was it ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—One was in Mr. Alwar Chettiar's time and the other in Mr. Bhore's time.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Can the Hon'ble Member give the exact date ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—At present it is not possible, but, if required, it shall be placed on the table at the next meeting. It is, I think, 1916 or 1917.

Mr C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So no enquiry was made on this occasion. Was there any private person ?

Mr K. Govinda Menon.—No, Sir.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then what are the ages of these elephants ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I can only give you approximately. One was about one year and six months, another nine months and another six months.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the hurry to sell these elephants, when nobody was coming forth ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—There was a good offer received, and I was afraid that they may even die.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How could the public be able to know that there are elephants for sale without advertisement ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—We do not sell generally.

President.—Are you personally sure that advertisement would bring in better offers.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Personally, I was willing to purchase one.

Mr K. Govinda Menon.—There was one about 9 months old in Trichur. Why did not the member make an offer for that ?

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—That is not the regular way of doing business. Then it is just like the ordinary bargain, giving and taking.

A certain article in the "Suprabhatam" regarding the Forest Department.

396. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pease d to state:

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(a) whether its attention was drawn to an article under the heading "ന്വാഴാ.ഷ്ണാമ്ഷാ.ഷ്ണാ.ഷ്ണാ.ഷ്ണാ" in the *Suprabhatam* newspaper in its issue, dated 19th Thulam 1101?

(b) If not, will the Government be pleassed to peruse the same?

(c) Is there any foundation for the allegations contained in that article?

(d) Who is the British Brahmin referred to in that article?

(e) Were any favourable terms offered to this gentleman? If so, why?

(f) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the final orders embodying the terms granted to this gentleman for the working of this coupe?

(g) Is it true that this gentleman encroached upon the Reserved Forest, and 14 trees were cut without license?

(h) Did the guard report to the Conservator of Forests about this matter, and what action was taken by the latter with regard to this unauthorised felling?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a) above.

(c) No.

(d) Mr. P. S. Krishna Ayyar.

(e) No.

(f) Please see appendix for a copy of the agreement. (*Vide Appendix X.*)

(g) Stems of a few trees cut and removed were observed in the Reserve Forests adjoining the Thenazhi Coupe. There was no evidence to connect Mr. Krishna Ayyar or his agent with such cutting and removal.

(h) No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In regard to part (h), is it the answer to the 1st part or to the 2nd part?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It is to the 1st part of the question.

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APPENDIX IX.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 394.)

Results of verification of Parambikulam Depot stock.

	Species	No. of logs	Quantity	Remarks
1.	Teak (logs and toplings) ...	— 273	+ 614 3 8 8¾	
2.	Rosewood (do) ..	— 154	+ 264 4 14 7	
3.	Paly ..	— 8	— 23 0 3 0¾	
4.	Churly ...	— 4	— 21 19 22 0¼	
5.	Elipongu ..	— 8	— 46 20 2 1¾	
6.	Pullamarudu ...	— 3	— 0 2 2 7¾	
7.	Aiyini ...	— 24	— 128 7 14 10½	
8.	Jack ..	— 10	— 27 12 13 4¾	
9.	Irul ...	— 3	— 39 1 16 1¼	
10.	White-cedar ..	— 35	— 175 17 11 11¾	
11.	Pongu logs ..	— 27	— 149 5 23 13¾	
12.	Venteak logs ..	— 133	— 478 4 0 15	
13.	Mylellu logs ..	— ?	— 8 21 6 15¼	
14.	C. Poon ...	— 28	— 193 3 9 0½	
15.	Poon posts ..	— 2	— 0 23 6 9	
16.	Chadachi logs ..	— 1	— 1 13 12 0	
17.	Koramarudu logs ...	— 29	— 193 3 7 11½	
18.	Irul posts ..	— 30	— 19 22 3 15½	

APPENDIX. X.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 396.)

Agreement made on this day the 16th day of Kumbham 1100 by Peruvembu Subramania Ayyar Krishna Ayyar now residing in new Kalpati Village, Palghat Taluk, hereinafter called the contractor to the Conservator of Forests on behalf of the Cochin Darbar.

Whereas the said contractor has agreed to cut, collect and remove all marked trees on seigniorage from compartment No. 9 ofthe Chelakkara Working Circle, Survey No. 444, Elanad village, Talappalli Taluk, at the rates of Rs. 10 per candy of teak, Rs. 15 per candy of rosewood and at the existing seigniorage rates *plus* annas 4 per candy for other junglewood species such as irul, koramarudu, vetankorna, venga, venteak, pullamarudu, chadachi, kunnivaka as well as any other junglewood that the contractor requests for and the Conservator of Forests grants and also the wind-fallen trees within the coupe on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned and provided, and has for the due and faithful performance of the same deposited a sum of Rs. 100 as earnest money deposit in the Trichur treasury as per chalan No. 187, dated 2nd Thulam 1100.

1. The trees to be felled shall be marked by the subordinates of the Forest Department from the above said place, and they shall be of and above twelve virals quarter girth in the case of rosewood and 9 virals quarter girth in the case of other species at breast height. This stipulation does not apply to wind-fallen trees.

2. All trees as per this contract shall be felled flush with the ground. No trees other than those marked for felling shall be felled by the contractor.

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For every tree felled in contravention of this stipulation a fine of Rs. 10 shall be levied and the logs resulting thereof confiscated to the Sirkar.

3. If in felling the marked trees any damage to them or to standing unmarked trees be caused or any other Forest produce damagedor destroyed, the contractor shall be held responsible to pay compensation to the Sirkar for all such damages and loss as estimated by the Conservator of Forests.

4. The whole quantity of the Forest growth as per this contract shall be felled, paid for, and removed before 30th Medam 1101 M. E.

5. All workmen employed by the contractor shall be provided with passes purchased from the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer before they are allowed to enter the forests for work. The contractor is responsible for the actions of his men.

6. The contractor shall not appoint agents or sublet the contract without first obtaining written sanction from the Conservator of Forests, and he shall sever his connection with them on receipt of written notice to that effect from the Conservator of Forests.

7. All trees felled under this contract shall be collected for measurement at convenient places that may be pointed out by the Divisional Forest Officer or any other Officer authorised by him, and the logs shall be measured by the Divisional Forest Officer or any other officer deputed by him in the presence of the contractor or his duly authorised agent. A list of logs so measured shall be signed both by the contractor and by the measuring officer and forwarded to the Divisional Forest Office.

8. These lists shall, on receipt in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, be checked and bills for the value of the logs at the rates specified in para *supra* will be issued to the contractor. Such bills shall be paid by the contractor within 7 days from the receipt of the bills. If payment of bills is left in arrears, interest at 12 per cent shall be charged. All amounts due by him, if not paid in time, shall be recovered unconditionally as arrears of Land Revenue under Revenue Recovery Regulation without having recourse to a court of law.

9. No log shall be removed by the contractor before being stamped at both ends and paid for and before obtaining a pass for their transport.

10. No fire shall be set to or caused to be set to the forests by the contractor or his men, and the contractor shall be responsible for any infringement. All trees felled and logs made ready but left unmeasured in the forest shall be fire-traced by the contractor at his cost.

11. No extension of time for the collection and removal of logs under this contract will be granted. If, however, the contractor might find it necessary to get the contract period extended, the Conservator of Forests would be at full liberty to demand additional seigniorage and to grant or refuse the contractor's request according to the contractor's work in the coupe at that time.

12. All communications addressed to and posted at the contractor's place of business will be considered as received by him.

13. No conversion of logs into marketable size can be done but spliting or billeting may be done

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14. In case the contractor squares any logs, he should pay one-third of the seigniorage extra calculated at the rates above fixed for such species.

15. In case the said contractor fails, neglects or refuses to obey all or any of the stipulations herein mentioned, the Conservator of Forests may cancel the contract, and hold the said contractor liable for all or any of the penalties which the law provides, and also order the forfeiture of the security of Rs. 100 and also of the logs felled and collected by him in pursuance of this contract.

16. In witness whereof the said contractor has set his hands the day and the year first above written.

(Sd.) P. S. KRISHNA AYYAR.

(Sd.)

Conservator of Forests.

Witnesses. 1. K. Ramunni Menon,

Divisional Forest Officer, Northern Division.

2. T. M. Subrahmanyia Ayyar,

Head clerk, Northern Divisional Office.

(True copy).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja's Nambudiri Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill.

President.—The next item of business is the introduction of the Nambudiri Religious and Charitable Endowments Bill by Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—A point of order, Sir, under Standing Order 19, sub-section 2. "A member who wishes to move a motion shall give notice of his intention to the Secretary 6 clear days before the meeting at which he intends to move the motion".

Has notice of this motion to introduce been given in this case? I understand that he has given no notice to make this motion. Under Section 31, "When introducing a Bill the Member in charge of it shall move that the Bill be read in Council" To make this motion "6 days' clear notice" is necessary under Section 19.

President.—Has that notice been given?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I may say that no notice has been given by me. I have given notice only for leave to introduce. Somehow the matter is placed before the Council. That is all.

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